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**CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR, 13TH DISTRICT: *The Heart of Silicon Valley***

Representing San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Mountain View and Gilroy

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Senate Select Committee on Autism Bay Area Autism Regional Task Force (BAART). I am extremely pleased to have joined the Senate Select Committee on Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders (ASD). This Select Committee will provide a legislative forum for deliberations, analysis, outreach, and recommendations on the most pressing issues and concerns facing families who are dealing with ASD.

This Select Committee signals California's ongoing bipartisan commitment to individuals with ASD and their families. I am joined by an impressive list of other key California Legislators from all parts of the state. Important issues that the Committee has decided to tackle will include appropriate health insurance coverage; early identification and treatment; and promoting appropriate employment and housing for individuals with ASD.

The Select Committee is in the process of establishing a series of Regional Task Forces that will assist our work in dealing with the autism epidemic. These Task Forces will represent some of the state's most distinguished leaders who are committed to advancing strong and effective autism public policy.

To that end, I welcome your participation in BAART. As a leadership in autism, either as a scientist, physician, provider, educator or advocate, your input, recommendations, and assistance will be crucial to the success of the Select Committee.

I look forward to working with you on this important and exciting project.

Sincerely,

Elaine Alquist  
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*Representing the Heart of Silicon Valley*